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SUBJ: MEETING OF NATO TACSATCOM COMMITTEE, DEC 11-13, 1973

1. SUMMARY: NATO TACTICAL SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS (TACSATCOM) COMMITTEE HELD ITS FINAL MEETING AT NATO HQ BRUSSELS, DEC 11-13, 1973. IT APPROVED A FINAL REPORT OF ITS SIX YEARS ACTIVITIES AND CONDITIONALLY APPROVED A NATO TACSATCOM FILM DEPICTING THE RESULTS OF ITS WORK. END SUMMARY.

2. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED, AMENDED, AND APPROVED FINAL REPORT OF ITS ACTIVITIES SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1967. IT ALSO REVIEWED FINAL DRAFT OF NEW TACSATCOM FILM WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE UK, AND APPROVED IT SUBJECT TO MINOR AMENDMENT AND SECURITY CLEARANCE.
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3. IT WAS AGREED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE. IF WRAP-UP ACTIVITIES CANNOT BE MANAGED BY CORRESPONDENCE, A SPECIAL MEETING MIGHT BE NECESSARY.

4. CHAIRMAN WAS AUTHORIZED TO REPORT ON THE NATO TACSATCOM ACTIVITIES TO APPROPRIATE NATO GROUP, LIMITED TO COVERAGE OF ORIGINAL SCOPE OF PROGRAM AND REPORTED TEST RESULTS.

5. EACH DELEGATION IS TO REVIEW SECURITY CLASSIFICATION OF ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROGRAM AND DOWNGRADE WHEREVER POSSIBLE; REPORTS ARE DUE TO CHAIRMAN BY MAR 31, 1974.

7. PRESENT CHAIRMAN (ALBRECHT) WAS REELECTED BY ACCLAMATION TO DIRECT PROGRAM WRAP-UP DURING 1974.

8. US SATELLITE LES-6 WILL CONTINUE OPERATION THROUGH LATE 1974 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE UNDER EXISTING AGREEMENTS FOR FURTHER NATIONAL TESTS. REPORTS ON SIGNIFICANT TEST RESULTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY TESTING NATION.

9. RECOGNITION AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED HEANDS OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS AND CERTIFICATES ISSUED TO SCIENTIFIC AND ENGINEERING PERSONNEL WHO HAVE ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROGRAM. NATIONAL REPS WILL SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR AWARD CERTIFICATES TO CHAIRMAN.
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